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|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                  | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)         | Small Entity Fee (\$) |                |
| Utility          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 200              | 100                   |                |
| Design           | 200         | 100                   | 100         | 50                    | 130              | 65                    |                |
| Plant            | 200         | 100                   | 300         | 150                   | 160              | 80                    |                |
| Reissue          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 600              | 300                   |                |
| Provisional      | 200         | 100                   | 0           | 0                     | 0                | 0                     |                |

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| Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent | 200                   | 100      |
| Multiple dependent claims   | 360                   | 180      |

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**AMENDMENT**

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5 A preliminary amendment is being submitted before the first office action in  
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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.